

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

Date: September 16, 2010

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting, Sandra Cummings, Alicia Clapp, Steve DiCapua, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Bert Mozealous, Wesley O'Brien, Anita Anderson, Bryan Bogan, and Patricia K. Brozek, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Cummings began by welcoming Bryan Bogen as a new member of the North Haven Board of Education.

Meeting called to order by Sandra Cummings at 7:35 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2010

Motion: to approve the Minutes of July 8, 2010

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Anita Anderson
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:

- a. 2010-2011 Budget
- b. State and Federal Funds
- c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Recognition of District and School Teachers of the Year

Ms. Brozek announced the following teachers recognized as nominees at each school for Teacher of the Year:

Montowese Elementary School: Christine Horton
Green Acres Elementary School: Donna Bonito
Clintonville Elementary School: Deborah Santangelo
Ridge Road Elementary School: Marylyn Tantorski
North Haven High School: Bevan Moore

Mr. Piazza announced North Haven's 2011 North Haven Teacher of the Year: Don Johnson, North Haven Middle School

4. Reports on SAT/AP/CAPT/CMT

Barbara Peck, North Haven Public School's Director of Curriculum and Instruction consultant reported on the SAT/AP/CAPT/CMT results. (see attached reports)

5. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

1. 2010-2011 Re-appropriated Budget

Moved: to accept the 2010-2011 re-appropriated budget

Approved

MOVED: Carol Franceschet
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. DiCapua reported that they met earlier tonight. He stated that there was an \$850,000.00 reduction in the budget. He reported that the majority of the \$850,000.00 we needed to save came from retirements, staff reductions. He stated there was also some savings in the Special Education areas, and in the tutor budgets, as well as saving in the gas contract. Mr. DiCapua reported that this year's budget came in at \$44,799,000.00.

Mr. DiCapua also reported another issue discussed at Finance and Operations was transportation, and stated that Ms. Brozek, will address transportation/bus issues later in the evening.

b. Personnel

1. Ratification of teachers hired in June, July, and August (attached)

Moved: to approve the ratification of teachers hired in June, July and August

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of request for a second year of Child Rearing Leave for the 2010-2011 school year for Jackie Tammara, teacher at Clintonville Elementary School

Moved: to approve the request for a second year of Child Rearing Leave for the 2010-2011 school year for Jackie Tammaro, teacher at Clintonville Elementary School

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of Natures Classroom Field Trip May 2 – May 6, 2011 for Ridge Road Elementary School and Green Acres Elementary Schools (see attached)

Moved: to approve the Natures Classroom Field Trip May 2 – May 6, 2011 for Ridge Road Elementary School and Green Acres Elementary Schools (see attached)

Approved

Mrs. Clapp urged both schools/principals to do as much fundraising as possible to make funding this field trip somewhat easier on the parents.

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Peck reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met on September 14, 2010. She reported that she shared the new Assessment Calendar at the Elementary and Middle School Level. Mrs. Peck worked over the summer with the Reading Consultants and teachers to get this assessment together. Mrs. Peck stated that she has a very comprehensive Professional Development plan in place for this school year. She stated she will be working with the School Improvement Plan at each school.

6. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that both she and Mrs. Franceschet attended this month's ACES meeting. Mrs. Franceschet will be her alternate at ACES. She stated that Dr. Edmondson reported the opening of where CAMMS used to be is now being used for a program for autistic youngsters. Mrs. Clapp stated that they reviewed test scores, and certification in ELL, which is something that ACES is looking into.

7. North Haven PTA Council

Dr. O'Brien reported that the first PTA Council meeting will be September 27, 2010 and that Carole Franceschet will be standing in for him at that meeting.

8. Superintendent's Report

Ms Brozek reported the following:

- Enrollment
- Smooth opening of school
- Bus issues: Ms. Brozek stated that she and Mr. Gomeau are working with parents and PTA members to resolve these issues, as well as with the bus company. Ms. Brozek reported that they will meet again with parents, the PTA and the bus company sometime next week to try to resolve these issues.
- Wellness policy, which has not changed. She stated that the existing policy is still in effect. Board policy is on our website
- North Haven High School started with over 50 clubs and activities. Fall sports began on Tuesday
- North Haven Middle School, smooth opening as well. There was 6th Grade orientation and the Administration and faculty are continuing their work for the NEASC report. The accreditation committee will visit the school in May of 2011.
- Ridge Road: 4-5 Integrated Day Program is involved in the Grove Street Cemetery Project, welcomed a new music student teacher from The Hart School of Music. She has a background in opera and is from Iceland. In October they will, once again welcome our Chinese sister school. There will be 25 fifth graders visiting.
- Green Acres: Open House on September 7, 2010. October 6, 2010 will be an International Walk to School Day for students K-2. They are also participating in the Green Rocks Program.
- Montowese: Opened up smoothly with a new Principal, Mary Federico. They are working on the mentioned bus issues.
- Clintonville: Also opened up smoothly with a very well attended PTA Meeting. Clintonville has received a \$500 check from BJs. BJs has adopted Clintonville Elementary School for this school year. Clintonville plans to use this money to purchase "Level Readers" to encourage the love of reading. They are also working on the Governors Summer Reading Challenge.

9. Public Comments:

- Mr. Thomas O'Connor commented his concerns regarding the teacher step increases that are listed in the Teachers Contract. Ms. Brozek explained to Mr. O'Connor that there is a "revised" Teachers Contract and supplied Mr. O'Connor with the "revised" Teachers Contract. Mr. O'Connor also had concerns regarding Board of Education Minutes being posted on our website. Ms. Brozek could not respond to what happened to the minutes last year, however stated that as of October 2010 there is a new statute stating that any Board is not required to post their minutes on their website.

10. Executive Session: if needed

Moved: to go into executive session for matters of personnel at 8:40 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Returned from executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Moved: Motion to go back into regular session

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Motion: to resolve that the central office non-union, exempt employees hired on or after October 1, 2010 will only be eligible for the following retirement benefits. Employees will be enrolled in the Town of North Haven Defined Contribution Plan not the Defined Benefit Plan; further that upon retirement from the North Haven Board of Education they will be eligible to purchase for themselves and for their spouse, at their own expense, medical insurance benefits in existence at the time of their retirement, including Medicare supplement insurance coverage, if eligible.

Further resolved, this resolution confirms that Central Office Non-Union, exempt employees currently employed as of September 30, 2010, shall remain eligible for the retirement benefits approved by the Board of Education on April 13, 1989 as described in the attached official minutes.

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet
SECOND: Anita Anderson
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

11. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings
Chairman